

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~1. (Twice Amended) A fender having a longitudinal midline, and a light housing mounted to said fender offset from said midline, said fender further comprising:~~

~~a) a top portion having a curved surface and opposed inner and outer edges, and wherein the light housing is attached to the curved surface of the top portion;~~

~~b) a clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a first non-zero acute angle in a first plane, and~~

~~c) an inner wall depending downwardly from said clearance increasing portion at a second non-zero acute angle in a second plane, wherein said top portion and said inner wall are oriented substantially perpendicularly, and wherein the first and second plane are non-coplanar.~~

2. (Amended) The fender of claim 1 wherein said light housing comprises a base portion that conforms to at least a portion of said curved surface of said fender.

C2 6. (Twice Amended) The fender of claim 1 wherein said first and second non-zero acute angles are each between about 1° and about 89°.

7. (Twice Amended) The fender of claim 1 wherein said first and second non-zero acute angles are each between about 40° and about 50°.

C3 10. (Amended) The fender of claim 1 wherein said top portion further comprises a substantially flat middle section and two curved end sections.

11. (Amended) The fender of claim 1 wherein said top portion comprises a plurality of planar sections.

12. (Twice Amended) The fender of claim 11 wherein said first and second non-zero acute angles are each between about 1° and about 89° .

13. (Twice Amended) The fender of claim 11 wherein said first and second non-zero acute angles are each between about 40° and about 50° .

17. (Amended) A fender having a longitudinal midline, and a light housing mounted to said fender offset from said midline, said fender further comprising

a) a top portion having opposed inner and outer edges, wherein said light housing is attached to said top portion,

b) a clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a first non-zero acute angle, wherein said clearance increasing portion is concave, and

c) an inner wall depending downwardly from said clearance increasing portion at a second non-zero acute angle, wherein said top portion and said inner wall are oriented substantially perpendicularly, and wherein said angle formed by said top portion and said clearance increasing portion, and the angle formed by said clearance increasing portion and said inner wall add up to approximately 90° .

~~28. (Twice Amended) A fender having a longitudinal midline, said fender comprising:~~

- ~~a) a light housing mounted to said fender offset from said midline.~~
- b) a top portion having opposed inner and outer edges, wherein said top portion is curved radially downwardly in a longitudinal direction,
- c) a clearance increasing portion having a bottom edge, said clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a non-zero acute angle in a first plane,
- d) an inner wall having a bottom edge, said inner wall depending downwardly from said clearance increasing portion at a non-zero acute angle in a second plane, wherein said top portion and said inner wall are oriented substantially perpendicularly, wherein the first and second planes are non-coplanar and wherein said angle formed by said top portion and said clearance increasing portion, and the angle formed by said clearance increasing portion and said inner wall add up to approximately 90°, and
- e) an outer wall having a bottom edge, said outer wall depending downwardly from said outer edge of said top portion,
- wherein said entire bottom edge of said clearance increasing portion, said entire bottom edge of said inner wall, said entire bottom edge of said top portion and said entire bottom edge of said outer wall all lie in a common plane.

Please add the following new claims:

29. The fender of claim 17 wherein said fender has an external surface having a shape, and wherein said light housing comprises a base portion that conforms to at least a portion of the shape of the external surface of fender.

30. The fender of claim 29 wherein the light housing further comprises a raised portion adapted to receive a light fixture.

31. The fender of claim 17 further comprising an outer wall extending downwardly from the outer edge of the top portion.

32. The fender of claim 17 wherein the top portion further comprises a substantially flat middle section and two curved end sections.

C4 33. The fender of claim 17 wherein the top portion comprises a plurality of planar sections.

34. A fender comprising:
a) a top portion having opposed inner and outer edges; and
b) a clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion, wherein said clearance increasing portion is concave.

35. A fender comprising:
a) a top portion having opposed inner and outer edges; and
b) a clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a first non-zero acute angle, wherein said clearance increasing portion is concave.

36. A fender comprising:

- a) a top portion having a continuous curved upper surface and opposed inner and outer edges;
- b) a clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a first non-zero acute angle in a first plane, and
- c) an inner wall depending downwardly from said clearance increasing portion at a second non-zero acute angle in a second plane, wherein said top portion and said inner wall are oriented substantially perpendicularly, and wherein the first and second plane are non-coplanar.

37. A fender having a uniform cross-section, the fender comprising:

- a) a top portion having opposed inner and outer edges;
- b) a clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a first non-zero acute angle in a first plane, and
- c) an inner wall depending downwardly from said clearance increasing portion at a second non-zero acute angle in a second plane, wherein said top portion and said inner wall are oriented substantially perpendicularly, and wherein the first and second plane are non-coplanar.

38. A fender having a longitudinal midline and a uniform cross-section, the fender comprising:

- a light housing mounted to the fender offset from the midline;
- a top portion having opposed inner and outer edges;
- a clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a first non-zero acute angle in a first plane, and

an inner wall depending downwardly from said clearance increasing portion at a second non-zero acute angle in a second plane, wherein said top portion and said inner wall are oriented substantially perpendicularly, and wherein the first and second plane are non-coplanar.

39. A fender having a longitudinal midline for use in conjunction with a wheel, and a light housing mounted to said fender offset from said midline, said fender further comprising:

- a) a top portion having a curved surface and opposed inner and outer edges, and wherein the light housing is attached to the curved surface of the top portion;
- b) a clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a first non-zero acute angle in a first plane,
- c) an inner wall depending downwardly from said clearance increasing portion at a second non-zero acute angle in a second plane, wherein said top portion and said inner wall are oriented substantially perpendicularly, and wherein the first and second plane are non-coplanar, and
- d) an outer wall depending downwardly from said top portion, wherein the outer wall covers at least a part of the wheel.

Cancel claim 5 without prejudice.